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DATE: February 2, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Kroger-Nut Topping Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Nut Topping Recall; Due to Salmonella typhimurium; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the State of Indiana. Stores under the following names in the 31 states where Kroger operates are included in this recall: Kroger, Ralphs, Fred Meyer, Food 4 Less, Fry's, King Soopers, Smith's, Dillons, QFC, City Market, Foods Co., Jay C, Scott's, Owen's, Baker's, Gerbes, Hilander and Pay Less. Customers who have purchased the above nut toppings should not consume these products and should return them to a store for a full refund or replacement. Detail store information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Kroger Recalls Nut Topping Due to Possible Health Risk

Contact:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Cincinnati, OH -- January 30, 2009 -- The Kroger Co. said today it is recalling a nut topping sold in its family of retail stores because the product was associated with peanut butter supplied by Peanut Corporation of America and may be contaminated with Salmonella.

Stores under the following names in the 31 states where Kroger operates are included in this recall: Kroger, Ralphs, Fred Meyer, Food 4 Less, Fry's, King Soopers, Smith's, Dillons, QFC, City Market, Foods Co., Jay C, Scott's, Owen's, Baker's, Gerbes, Hilander and Pay Less.

No illnesses have been reported in connection with the nut topping.

Item Description:

Kroger is recalling the following items:



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The Indiana State Department of Health supports Indiana's economic prosperity and quality of life by promoting, protecting and providing for the health of Hoosiers in their communities.

- Kroger Nut Topping sold in 2.25-ounce containers with a "Sell by" date of DEC-22-09 and earlier under the following UPC Code Number: 0001111074500.
- Ralphs Nut Topping sold in 2.25-ounce containers with a "Sell by" date of DEC-9-2009 and earlier under the following UPC Code Number: 0001111071444.
- Fred Meyer Nut Topping sold in 2.25-ounce containers with a "Sell by" date of DEC-21-09 and earlier under the following UPC Code Number: 0001111074507.

Customers who have purchased the above nut toppings should not consume these products and should return them to a store for a full refund or replacement.

The FDA has indicated that Peanut Corporation of America is the focus of its investigation into Salmonella-related illnesses that may be linked to contaminated peanut butter or peanut paste. For more information, please visit the FDA's website at www.fda.gov.

Kroger continues to follow FDA guidelines and, for the safety of customers, has withdrawn other products from sale that contain peanut butter ingredients implicated in this outbreak, as directed by the FDA and suppliers involved.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections, particularly in young children, the elderly, and persons with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and/or abdominal pain. For more information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at www.cdc.gov.

According to the FDA, peanut butter sold in jars, including Kroger brand peanut butter sold in the retailer's family of stores, is not involved in the ongoing investigation.

Consumers who have questions about the nut topping recall may contact Kroger toll-free at (800) 632-6900. For more information, please visit www.kroger.com/recalls.

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